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~~22~~. (New) The method of claim ¹~~21~~, wherein the user terminal is associated with a client station.

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~~23~~. (New) The method of claim ²~~22~~, wherein the non-linkable media representation and the code are obtained by the client station from at least one server via a network.

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~~24~~. (New) The method of claim ³~~23~~, further comprising the step of the code instantiating a link canvas object at the client station, wherein the link canvas object generates the panel.

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~~25~~. (New) The method of claim ⁴~~24~~, further comprising the step of the client station obtaining an action enabling kernel from the server.

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~~26~~. (New) The method of claim ⁵~~25~~, further comprising the step of the link canvas object querying the non-linkable media representation for status.

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~~27~~. (New) The method of claim ⁶~~26~~, further comprising the step of the link canvas object forwarding the status of the non-linkable media representation to the action enabling kernel.

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~~28~~. (New) The method of claim ⁷~~27~~, further comprising the step of the link canvas object receiving one or more link candidates from the action enabling kernel.

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~~29~~. (New) The method of claim ⁸~~28~~, further comprising the step of the link canvas object selecting a link from the one or more link candidates, the selected link being the at least one link.

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~~30~~. (New) The method of claim ⁹~~29~~, further comprising the step of the link canvas object composing the at least one link in response to meta data received from the server via the action enabling kernel.

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~~31~~. (New) The method of claim ~~28~~⁸, further comprising the step of the link canvas object generating the panel, wherein the panel displays range contours of the at least one link.

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~~32~~. (New) The method of claim ~~24~~⁴, further comprising the step of the link canvas object performing a specified action.

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~~33~~. (New) The method of claim ~~24~~⁴, further comprising the step of the link canvas object requesting a specified action to be performed.

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~~34~~. (New) The method of claim ~~24~~⁴, further comprising the step of the link canvas object unifying representations of multiple links.

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~~35~~. (New) The method of claim ~~24~~⁴, further comprising the step of the link canvas object decoupling at least one link from a linkable media representation.

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~~36~~. (New) The method of claim ~~21~~¹, wherein the code is obtained prior to the non-linkable media representation.

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~~37~~. (New) The method of claim ~~21~~¹, wherein the non-linkable media representation is obtained from a streaming media file.

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~~38~~. (New) The method of claim ~~21~~¹, wherein the at least one link is a hotlink.

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~~39~~. (New) The method of claim ~~21~~¹, wherein the at least one link is a hyperlink.

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~~40~~. (New) The method of claim ~~23~~³, wherein the client station and the at least one server are compatible with a HotMedia architecture.

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~~41~~. (New) The method of claim ~~23~~³, further comprising the step of the server producing and transmitting real time media presentations.

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~~42~~. (New) The method of claim ~~23~~³, further comprising the step of the server providing a real-time encoding studio for transmitting both real-time non-linkable media and a set of meta information of hotlinks to a HotMedia client station.

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~~43~~. (New) The method of claim ~~42~~¹⁴, wherein the real-time encoding studio provides a real-time authoring capability for multiplexing a non-linkable media and a set of meta information of hotlinks to a streaming rich media file in a HotMedia framework.

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~~44~~. (New) Apparatus for enriching a non-linkable media representation, the apparatus comprising:

a client station configured to: (i) obtain the non-linkable media representation; (ii) obtain code and, responsive to the code, generate a panel comprising at least one link to at least one other media representation; and (iii) overlay the panel on the non-linkable media representation in accordance with a presentation at a user terminal of the client station, such that the non-linkable media representation becomes linkable to the at least one other media representation.

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~~45~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~44~~²⁴, wherein the non-linkable media representation and the code are obtained by the client station from at least one server via a network.

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~~46~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~45~~²⁵, wherein the code instantiates a link canvas object, and the link canvas object generates the panel.

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~~47~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~46~~²⁶, wherein the client station is further configured to obtain an action enabling kernel from the server.

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~~48~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~47~~³⁷, wherein the link canvas object queries the non-linkable media representation for status.

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~~49~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~48~~²⁸, wherein the link canvas object forwards the status of the non-linkable media representation to the action enabling kernel.

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~~50~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~49~~²⁹, wherein the link canvas object receives one or more link candidates from the action enabling kernel.

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~~51~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~50~~³⁰, wherein the link canvas object selects a link from the one or more link candidates, the selected link being the at least one link.

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~~52~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~50~~³⁰, wherein the link canvas object composes the at least one link in response to meta data received from the server via the action enabling kernel.

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~~53~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~50~~³⁰, wherein the link canvas object generates the panel, wherein the panel displays range contours of the at least one link.

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~~54~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~46~~²⁶, wherein the link canvas object performs a specified action.

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~~55~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~46~~²⁶, wherein the link canvas object requests a specified action to be performed.

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~~56~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~46~~²⁶, wherein the link canvas object unifies representations of multiple links.

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~~57~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~46~~²⁶, wherein the link canvas object decouples at least one link from a linkable media representation.

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~~58~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~44~~²⁴, wherein the code is obtained prior to the non-linkable media representation.

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~~59~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~44~~²⁴, wherein the non-linkable media representation is obtained from a streaming media file.

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~~60~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~44~~²⁴, wherein the at least one link is a hotlink.

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~~61~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~44~~²⁴, wherein the at least one link is a hyperlink.

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~~62~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~45~~²⁴, wherein the client station and the at least one server are compatible with a HotMedia architecture.

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~~63~~. (New) Apparatus for use in enriching a non-linkable media representation at a client station, the apparatus comprising:

a server configured to: (i) provide the non-linkable media representation to the client station; and (ii) provide code to the client station, such that the client station may, responsive to the code, generate a panel comprising at least one link to at least one other media representation, and overlay the panel on the non-linkable media representation in accordance with a presentation at a user terminal of the client station, such that the non-linkable media representation becomes linkable to the at least one other media representation.

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~~64~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~63~~⁴³, wherein the server is further configured to produce and transmit real time media presentations.

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~~65~~. (New) The apparatus of claim ~~63~~⁴³, wherein the server is further configured to provide a real-time encoding studio for transmitting both real-time non-linkable media and a set of meta information of hotlinks to a HotMedia client station.

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66. (New) The apparatus of claim 65, wherein the real-time encoding studio provides a real-time authoring capability for multiplexing a non-linkable media and a set of meta information of hotlinks to a streaming rich media file in a HotMedia framework.

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67. (New) An article of manufacture for enriching a non-linkable media representation presentable at a user terminal, comprising a machine readable medium containing one or more programs which when executed implement the steps of:

obtaining the non-linkable media representation;

obtaining code and, responsive to the code, generating a panel comprising at least one link to at least one other media representation; and

overlaying the panel on the non-linkable media representation in accordance with a presentation at the user terminal, such that the non-linkable media representation becomes linkable to the at least one other media representation.--
